

Annual Report



**Westhampton
Massachusetts
1992**

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS



TOWN
OF
WESTHAMPTON

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1992



RENE AND ALFRED BLAKESLEY

We are pleased to dedicate this Annual Report to a helpful, caring couple, Rene and Alfred Blakesley. They played a significant role in the establishment of the Blacksmith Shop and helped to see its later additions come to be. Rene was appointed to the Historical Commission in 1981 and was active until her resignation this year. She helped the elementary school teachers develop a curriculum guide for the "History of Westhampton". For many years she and Alfred have assisted with the student bus trip throughout the town, narrating as they go. They also make presentations to the classes, bringing in memorabilia.

Rene has been called the town's "unofficial historian". She has helped the highway superintendent with information on the establishment of roads. The town clerk has found Rene to be of assistance with genealogy and early history and settlers of the town.

On behalf of the townspeople of Westhampton, we would like to express our thanks to Rene and Alfred for their many contributions.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen wishes to express our personal thanks to all those who participated in our town administration.

Of special note, we will be regretfully accepting Luanne Clark's resignation as Town Clerk. Luanne was recently recognized for her outstanding work as E911 database liaison by being the first in the state to complete the town's information base.

The sale of the Center School has consumed much time and expense. We put our two Request for Proposals (R.F.P.) with many requests filled but no bid responses. The Center School is now in the hands of a broker and we still have no interest in bidding. We have drained the heating and water system and will soon shut off the electricity. A committee has been formed to make an office space study for the town.

We would like to thank Bill Tracy for his diligence in pursuing implementation of our new water system for town buildings. After months of frustrating delays, approval was finally received from the D.E.P. in December. We must now wait until spring to hook up the new system. In the same vein, we are requesting all households who were on the Westhampton Water Company's system to please cooperate with the Plumbing Inspector. He must verify that your disconnect is complete.

Bill Tracy, as Highway Superintendent, has been involved in year-long negotiations with WMECO about the use of a shared roadside brush mower. WMECO will provide the funds for leasing the machine. We expect the completed agreement by spring.

Because of vandalism, the Town Hall was closed to recreation for a few months. The damaged windows and broken front door have now been repaired. The window protection screens have been reinstalled and grids replaced on the ceiling lamps. Use of the Town Hall is now closely monitored with a key sign out by the Town Hall custodian.

Ongoing violations of the town by-laws continue in earnest, utilizing much of all inspectors' and various boards' time. The litigation expenses involved with this are rising exponentially.

E-911 liaisons, Police Chief David Huntley and EMT/Captain Lee Douchkoff, are progressing with the E-911 system. Many meetings and much discussion are resulting in a very useful system. It appears that the State Police will be handling the dispatching.

The Selectmen have appointed a committee to advise the town on office space utilization and determine what action should be taken if the Center School is not sold.

Appointees:

Mark Schwallie	Planning Board
Steve Malinowski	Planning Board
Phil Dowling	Board of Health
Ned Huntley	EMT
Breda Huntley	EMT
Thomas Graham	Historical Comm.
Larry Cervelli	Conservation Comm.
Margot Cleary	H.R. School Comm.
Priscilla Miller	Board of Assessors
Ben Coggins	FinCom
Roy Van Driesche	FinCom
Myron Pietraskiewicz	Building Inspector
Lydia Omasta	Council on Aging

Resigned:

Luanne Clark	Assessor Sec./E911 Liaison
Robert Fleischner	Fin Com
Rene Blakesley	Historical Comm.
Bud Geary	Highway Dept.
Jennie Johnson	Custodian
Mary Powers	Board of Health

Hired:

James Omasta	Highway Dept.
Charlie Burgess	Custodian

Not seeking Reappointment or wishing to
continue in present position:

Luanne Clark	Town Clerk
Paul Choiniere	Wiring Inspector
Ted Brooks	Director: Civil Defense/Hazardous Waste

Respectfully submitted,

William McCloud, Chairman
Diane Kwolek
David K. Bridgman

REPORT OF THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

This year has proved to be another challenging year for the County. Governor Weld vetoed the Deed Tax Extension which was passed by the House and Senate and would amount to approximately \$1.26 million of revenue for Hampshire County. This bill did get passed in January of 1993. During 1992, the State tried to begin a three-year phased in takeover of county court houses. After numerous telephone calls by your County Commissioners and other people throughout the State, the court house takeover failed to pass.

As your Commissioner, I continue to serve on the following standing committees: Public Safety Municipal Advisory Committee; Regional Services Municipal Advisory Committee and the County Road Viewing and Hearing Subcommittee.

The Public Safety Municipal Advisory Committee held numerous meetings with area police and fire chiefs, E-911 State Administrator Glenn Roach, Major Don Cody and Don Nagle of the State Police which has resulted in decisions by most communities to opt for Public Service Answering Point (PSAP), - this dispatch to be administered regionally by the State Police. The County played a major role in hosting meetings, conducting surveys and expediting the process. The result to date is that Hampshire County towns are

further along the road to E-911 implementation than any other area in the State according to State Administer Roach and Major Cody. They have indicated that Hampshire County will serve as a model for other areas in the State. Most of the remaining work will be technical in nature, except for assistance in locating a facility to house the PSAP and Regional Dispatch Center. The Town has appointed Police Chief David Huntley and EMT/Capt. Lee Douchkoff of the Westhampton Fire Department as liaisons to the center and shall manage and administer the E-911 database. I would like to give a special thank you to Town Clerk Luanne Clark for her work in setting up the database for our Town, she being the first person in the entire State to do so.

Under the Regional Services Committee, our charge is to develop effective services to meet problems which cross city or town boundaries and which cannot be met effectively on an individual basis by our local municipalities. This year our Purchasing Department, under the outstanding leadership of Anne Moran and her staff, is the leader in regional central purchasing in Western Massachusetts. Purchases approached five million dollars in the four western counties for school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, the County Jail and House of Correction, the Long Term Care Facility, and other county departments. Our Regional Purchasing Department has a tremendous reputation which reflects well upon Hampshire County Government and the cost effectiveness of regional services.

This year it became financially wise to transform our Regional Purchasing Department into an enterprise funded operation, i.e., to charge users a fee for all or a part of the services provided. With this fee, it would help to make the Purchasing Department self-sufficient. This past fiscal year the Town of Westhampton saved over \$3,100.00 for Highway and Fire Departments. Hampshire Regional School and the Westhampton Elementary School saved from 3% to 55% for the items they purchased through the County. H.R.S. saved \$11,441.00 and the elementary school saved \$2,763.00. Procurement laws and the bidding process is time consuming and complex. With the County handling this aspect of purchasing, the Town and other units save time, cost and "the hassle" ordinarily involved in compliance with Chapter 30B which regulates procurement procedures.

Sheriff Robert Garvey has agreed to support the concept of a regional lockup located at the Jail and House of Correction. The lockup would accommodate 14 prisoners and would be available to local Hampshire County Police Departments. Sheriff Garvey is working with the County Administrator on finding funds to either build a new lockup at the jail or acquire surplus state modular units for this purpose. The regional lockup is a cost effective and very popular solution for police departments who do not have local lockups, due to the fact that resources at the jail, such as food services, laundry and an existing cadre of correctional officers can be utilized at minimal cost. We have made a proposal to the Secretary of Public Safety relative to this possibility and he

is receptive to the concept.

Another area we are looking into is a Regional Dog Pound. The County is pursuing the possibility of leasing the piggery building at the Northampton State Hospital through our legislative delegation. We have also been looking into the possibility of training potential regional dog officers under the tutelage of the County Dog Officer and the Northampton Dog Officer.

We have asked our County Administrator and the full-time Veterans Agents of Northampton and Amherst, to host a preliminary meeting to "pick their minds" and reach consensus on an agenda; thence calling all county veterans agents together to discuss formation of an association. The proposed association could provide a network for furnishing expert advice on veterans affairs to the part-time agents from full-time professionals. The association could also provide a network for backup veteran agent services to communities in time of need, i.e., vacations, sickness or when an agent leaves the town's employ.

This year our Hampshire County Human Service Department, efficiently headed by Janet Wood, full-time Director, and her staff, has touched the lives of 235 Westhampton people by County funding to seven human service agencies. The services provided by the seven agencies are: information and referral, child care resource and referral, elder care, survival center goods and services, companion program matches, services for young women and support for ethnic diversity work. Hampshire Regional School

participated in a survey regarding the use and perceived availability of drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. The results were tabulated and will be released later in 1993. The Hampshire Youth 2000 Coalition has an ongoing communication with the Regional School and its students.

This Department works on many issues effecting the lives of Westhampton citizens, from the functioning level of the State Department of Social Services and its foster care programs to welfare reform, homelessness, basic survival services, the emergence of managed care, and the closing of state institutions such as Northampton State Hospital and Belchertown State School.

Bambridge Peterson, our first County Administrator under the new County Charter, was appointed in 1989 and served until the Spring of 1992 when he resigned to take another administrative position outside New England. At that time, David B. Musante, former Northampton Mayor, was appointed interim Administrator and later Administrator, until he resigned in December 1992 to accept a volunteer Peace Corp position in Russia. Pennington Geis was then appointed interim Administrator.

The County Commissioners are always open to new ideas and suggestions and I am available to any resident needing assistance provided by the County.

Respectfully submitted,

David K. Bridgman
Hampshire County
Commissioner

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

GENERAL FUND

Balance July 1, 1992	273030.06
Receipts	2158196.02
Disbursements	2313499.09
Transfer to Stabilization	18241.00
Balance June 30, 1992	99485.99

Cash on Hand	1239.24
Fleet Checking	2112.93
Fleet Money Market	45835.46
Bay Bank Now	1893.53
Bay Bank Capital	20894.42
Bay Bank Collateral	5988.79
Heritage NIS	2847.59
Heritage Deputy Collector	2370.21
MMDT	12691.61
Shawmut	3612.21
Total	99485.99

TRUST FUNDS

MMDT	
Charity	3415.56
Cemetery	3737.44
Veterans	1073.21
	8226.21

Stabilization Fund - MMDT	
Balance July 1, 1990	81053.37
Transfer from General Fund	18241.00
Receipts	3782.05
Disbursements	7859.32
Balance June 30, 1991	95217.10

Total All Funds	202929.30
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Interest Earned \$19859.23

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Parsons
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TAX
COLLECTOR

Ending June 30, 1992

1987 Motor Vehicle

Due 7/1/91	222.81	
Collected	-176.60	
Due		52.81

1988 Motor Vehicle

Due 7/1/91	672.82	
Collected	- 12.50	
Due		660.32

1989 Motor Vehicle

Due 7/1/91	1,097.52	
Commit	+ 40.00	
Abated	- 25.00	
Collected	- 341.67	
Due		770.85

1990 Motor Vehicle

Due 7/1/91	1,669.70	
Commit	+ 2,935.86	
Abated	- 114.17	
Collected	- 3,224.71	
Refunded		37.50
Due		1,266.68

1991 Motor Vehicle

Due 7/1/91	2,787.62	
Commit	+ 5,113.67	
Commit	+ 9,044.49	
Commit	+ 583.04	
Commit	+ 98.75	
Commit	+ 3,561.48	
Overpayment	+ 46.46	
Abated	- 419.59	
Collected	-19,783.41	
Refunded		304.36
Due		1,032.51

1992 Motor Vehicle

Commit	+38,065.00	
Commit	+12,763.70	
Refund		168.34
Abated	- 801.77	
Collected	-47,379.21	
Due		2,647.72

1990 Farm Animal

Due 7/1/91	175.50	
Overpayemnt	+ 25.00	
Collected	-200.50	
Due		none

1991 Farm Animal

Due 7/1/91	2,556.00	
Collected	-2,556.00	
Due		none

1992 Farm Animal

Commitment	2,316.25	
Collected	-2,111.50	
Due		204.75

FY89 Personal Property

Due 7/1/91	8.72	
Abated	-8.72	
Due		none

FY90 Personal Property

Due 7/1/91	99.15	
Due		99.15

FY91 Personal Property

Due 7/1/91	2,159.58	
Abated	- 117.30	
Collected	- 1,896.69	
Due		145.59

FY92 Personal Property

Commit	25,253.51	
Abated	- 651.52	
Collected	-24,216.71	
Due		385.28

FY91 Real Estate

Due 7/1/91	37,441.69	
Commit	+ 330.95	
Rollback	+ 1,444.35	
Overpayment	+ 264.73	
Tax Title	- 487.11	
Collected	-34,386.18	
Due		4,608.43

FY92 Real Estate

Commit	1,134,325.76	
Overpayment	+ 1,964.34	
Abated	- 13,265.29	
Refunded		7,085.44
Collected	-1,067,051.28	
Tax Title	- 3,394.56	
Due		52,578.97

FY91 Chapters(61- 61A-61B)

Due 7/1/91	339.48	
Collected	- 339.48	
Due		none

FY92 Chapters(61- 61A-61B)

Commitment	11,677.80	
Collected	-11,030.06	
Due		647.74

Interest Collected FY92 \$5,273.02

Charles Ognibene
Tax Collector

I have examined the records of the Tax Collector and to the best of my knowledge, I found them to be correct.

Evelyn D. Blakesley
Auditor

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTING OFFICER

July 1, 1990-June 30, 1992

Cash on Hand July 1, 1991

General	273030.06	
Stabilization	81053.37	
Trust Funds	8292.13	362375.56

RECEIPTS

Taxes

Property	1139130.40	
Farm Animal Excise	4868.00	
In Lieu of Taxes	6449.92	
Motor Vehicle Excise	70911.50	
Tax Title	350.00	1221709.82

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Local Aid/Lottery	50977.00	
Highway Fund	35675.00	
Highway Reconstr. & Maint.	30784.00	
Elections	135.00	
Chapter 70 School	18050.00	
Loss of Taxes	4132.00	
Chapter 71 Pupil Transportation	13154.00	
Veterans Benefits	350.00	153257.00

Grants & Gifts

Dog Refund	233.17	
Council On Aging Federal	760.00	
Council on Aging State	600.00	
Arts Lottery	1972.00	
Library Aid	1938.76	
Conservation Comm. Fund	137.50	
SBAB Reimbursement	253913.00	
Library Gift	2914.00	
Cemetery Gift	1694.00	264162.43

General Government

Licenses	435.50	
Parking Tickets	30.00	
Plumbing Inspector Fees	895.00	
Electrical Inspector Fees	1295.00	
Sanitation Inspector Fees	225.00	
Building Permits	2093.30	
Fire Department Permits	10.00	
Assessors	22.50	
Planning Board	300.00	
Board of Appeals	79.00	
Miscellaneous	4519.99	9905.29

Police

Motor Vehicle Fines	5063.48	
Permits	470.00	
Miscellaneous	36.00	
Revolving Fund	852.00	6421.48

Board of Health

Licenses & Permits	225.00	
Perc Tests	2622.50	
Landfill fees	23179.06	26026.56

Revolving Funds

Town Clerk Licenses	585.25	
Sale of Dog	8.00	
Fish & Game Fees	1905.75	
Town Clerk Fees	442.70	
Tax Collector Fees	3700.00	
Deputy Collector Fees	635.00	7276.70

Schools

Chapter 1	6846.00	
Pre-School Revolving Fund	42277.50	
Kindergarten Revolving Fund	9412.20	
School Lunch State	747.35	
School Lunch Federal	3528.79	

School Lunch Sales	12686.00	75497.84
Highway Department		
Chapter 15	1160.16	1160.16
Insurance Reimbursemt-Old School	8204.00	8204.00
Temporary Loan	225000.00	225000.00
Interest		
On Deposit	10429.56	
On Taxes	5256.40	
On Charity Funds	160.65	
On Cemetery Funds	175.81	
On Veterans Trust	54.76	
On Stabilization	3782.05	19859.23
Unemployment Reimbursement		931.36
Refund		45.95
Agency		
Meals Tax	41.00	
Payroll Deductions	142534.01	142575.01
Total		2162032.83

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officer

Appropriation	2560.00
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Expenditures

Clerk, Board of Registrars	60.00
Veterans Agent	550.00
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	387.50
Electrical Inspector	930.00

Sanitation Inspector	225.00	2152.50
Balance closed to Revenue		407.50

Counsel Fees

Appropriation	8000.00	
Transfer from School Bldg.	2000.00	
Transfer from Unemployment	2500.00	
Transfer from Group Ins.	4500.00	17000.00
Expenditures		16038.54
Balance closed to Revenue		961.46

Moderator

Appropriation		150.00
Moderator Salary		150.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Selectman Salary

Appropriation		3200.00
Selectmen Salary		3200.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Selectmen Expense

Appropriation		3000.00
Expenditures		
Travel	534.27	
Dues	483.00	
Town Report	1112.60	
Advertising	441.16	
Supplies	306.00	

Postage	87.00	2964.03
Balance closed to Revenue		35.97
Selectmen's Secretary		
Appropriation		860.00
Salary		860.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00
Auditor Salary		
Appropriation		90.00
Auditor Salary		90.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00
Accounting Officer Salary		
Appropriation		3000.00
Accounting Officer Salary		3000.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00
Accounting Officer Expense		
Appropriation		630.00
Expenditures:		
Computer Contract	250.00	
Supplies	89.52	
Dues	30.00	
Travel	218.45	587.97
Balance closed to Revenue		42.03
Assessors' Salary		
Appropriation		3200.00
Assessors Salary		3200.00

Balance closed to Revenue	0.00
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	Assessors' Expense	
Appropriation		4140.00

Expenditures		
Registry Transfers	58.50	
Updating assistance	700.00	
Computer contract	947.80	
Dues	80.00	
Supplies	1453.48	3239.78

Balance Closed to Revenue	900.22
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	Assessors' Secretary	
Appropriation		905.00

Salary	905.00
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Balance Closed to Revenue	0.00
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	Tax Mapping	
Balance Forward from Fiscal 1991		10046.00

Expenditure - final payment	10046.00
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Balance closed to Revenue	0.00
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	Treasurer's Salary	
Appropriation		3000.00

Salary	3000.00
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Balance Closed to Revenue	0.00
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	Treasurer's Expense	
Appropriation		2210.00

Expenditures

Computer contract	250.00	
Service charges	693.44	
Bond fee	300.00	
Borrowing fee	55.00	
Dues	35.00	
Travel	128.86	
Supplies	689.68	2151.98

Balance closed to Revenue	58.02
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Tax Collector Salary

Appropriation	1650.00
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Salary	1650.00
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Balance Closed to Revenue	0.00
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Tax Collector's Expense

Appropriation	1400.00
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Expenditures

Telephone	230.59	
Supplies & Postage	1107.14	
Dues	35.00	1372.73

Balance closed to Revenue	27.27
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Town Clerk Salary

Appropriation	1650.00
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Salary	1650.00
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Balance Closed to Revenue	0.00
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Town Clerk's Expense

Appropriation	2700.00	
State Election	135.00	2835.00

Expenditures

Computer contract	100.00	
Election Officers	840.06	
Census	275.00	
Supplies	1075.82	
Dues	30.00	
Travel	9.00	2329.88
Balance closed to Revenue		505.12
Conservation Commission		
From Conservation Fund		375.00
Expenditures:		
Supplies	29.80	
Dues	75.00	104.80
Carried forward to Fiscal 1991		270.20
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00
Planning Board		
Appropriation		50.00
Balance closed to Revenue		50.00
HIGHWAYS		
Highway Administration		
Appropriation	2150.00	
Transfer from Reserve	275.00	2425.00
Expenditures:		
Uniforms	846.00	
Telephone	986.16	
Supplies	71.02	
Dues & Travel	385.65	2288.83
Balance closed to Revenue		136.17
Highway Salaries		
Appropriation		68500.00

Expenditures: Salary	67161.87
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Balance closed to Revenue	1338.13
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	Holiday Pay	
Appropriation		1649.00

Expenditure	1648.80
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Balance closed to Revenue	0.20
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	Vacation Pay	
Appropriation		1649.00

Expenditure	1645.61
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Balance closed to Revenue	3.39
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	Bridges & Railings	
Appropriation		1.00

Balance closed to Revenue	1.00
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	Highway Materials	
Appropriation		36000.00

Expenditures		
Catchbasin cleaning	2400.00	
Blasting	443.00	
Other hired equipment	3355.00	
Supplies/materials	29798.46	35996.46

Balance closed to Revenue	3.54
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	Road Machinery	
Appropriation		15000.00

Expenditures		
Repairs	2478.45	

Parts/supplies	12518.66	14997.11
Balance closed to Revenue		2.89
Road Machinery Fuel		
Appropriation		9500.00
Expenditures: Fuel		8063.83
Balance closed to Revenue		1436.17
Snow Removal		
Appropriation	24000.00	
Transfer from Reserve	1160.00	25160.00
Expenditures		
Salary	2785.60	
Salt	11312.15	
Winter Sand	8782.60	
Supplies/service	2273.10	25153.45
Balance closed to Revenue		6.55
Road Machinery Buildings		
Appropriation	3100.00	
Transfer from Reserve	25.00	3125.00
Expenditures		
Electricity	824.54	
Fuel	1063.34	
Supplies/service	1225.84	3113.72
Balance closed to Revenue		11.28
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES		
Hampshire Regional High School		
Appropriation	350993.00	
Summer pay deferral	-18241.00	332752.00

Expenditure: Assessment	332752.00
Balance closed to Revenue	0.00

Vocational Expenses

Appropriation	92997.00
Expenditures	83049.55
Balance closed to Revenue	9947.45

Elementary School

Appropriation	457000.00	
Balance forward from Fiscal 1991	1347.64	
Transfer from Unemployment	1700.00	
Additional Appropriation	3300.00	463347.64
Expenditures		
See Elementary School Report	455099.56	
Encumbered Salary	5567.88	460667.44
Balance closed to Revenue		2680.20

School Committee Salary

Appropriation	480.00
Salary	480.00
Balance closed to Revenue	0.00

School Building Committee

Carried forward from Fiscal 1991	2195.51
Transferred to Counsel Fees	2000.00

Balance closed to Revenue	195.51
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New School

Balance forward from Fiscal 1991	111176.11
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Expenditure: Project costs	56617.91	
Land settlement	10000.00	66617.91

Carried forward to Fiscal 1992	44558.20
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Library

Appropriation	10607.30	
Dog Refund	306.70	
State Aid to Libraries	2040.36	12954.36

Expenditures		
Salary	7995.38	
Dues & Travel	124.23	
Utilities & lawns	1018.54	
Books and supplies	3816.21	12954.36

Balance closed to Revenue	0.00
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VETERANS

Veterans

Appropriation	100.00
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Expenditures	
Flags	100.00

Balance closed to Revenue	0.00
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Memorial Day

Appropriation	100.00
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Expenditures	48.28
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Balance closed to Revenue	51.72
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CEMETERIES

Cemetery

Appropriation	1.00
Balance closed to Revenue	1.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Chief

Appropriation	825.00
Expenditure	825.00
Balance closed to Revenue	0.00

Police Department

Appropriation	15000.00	15000.00
Expenditures		
Salary	6721.50	
Mileage	120.34	
Dues/travel	352.19	
Utilities	589.00	
WMLEC	125.00	
Dispatch Agreement	2500.00	
Equipment/Supplies	2784.93	
Repairs/Maintenance	703.69	13896.65
Encumbered salary		1077.75
Balance closed to Revenue		25.60

Constable

Appropriation	1.00
Balance closed to Revenue	1.00

Fire Chief & Forest Warden

Appropriation	825.00
Expenditure	825.00
Balance	0.00

Fire Department

Appropriation	7000.00
Expenditures	
Amherst Dispatch	600.00
Southampton Ambulance	3000.00
Hazardous Fund	186.00
Repairs	1661.80
Supplies/Equipment	1303.67
EMT Training	195.00
Dues	20.00
	6966.47
Balance closed to Revenue	33.53

Building Inspector

Appropriation	1500.00
Salary	1500.00
Balance closed to Revenue	0.00

Civil Defense

Appropriation	1.00
Balance Closed to Revenue	1.00

Dutch Elm

Appropriation	1.00
Balance closed to Revenue	1.00

HEALTH & SANITATION

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

Appropriation	3866.00
Expenditure: Assessment	3865.80
Balance closed to Revenue	0.20

Board of Health Salary

Appropriation	900.00
Salary	900.00
Balance closed to Revenue	0.00

Board of Health

Appropriation	15000.00	
Carried forward from Fiscal 1991	4000.00	19000.00
Expenditures		
Salary	5751.12	
Landfill contract	3975.00	
Hazardous waste program	500.00	
Oil Removal	592.50	
Tire removal	760.00	
Removal of metal & recyclables	2360.00	
Supplies	551.04	
Trash Bags	2654.76	17144.42
Carried forward to Fiscal 1993		1500.00
Balance closed to Revenue		355.58

DEBT & INTEREST

Interest on Temporary Loans

Appropriation	2500.00
Interest	1729.11

Balance closed to Revenue	770.89
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UNCLASSIFIED

Insurance & Bonds

Appropriation	52000.00
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Expenditures

Workmen's Compensation	11080.00	
Property & Auto	31987.00	
Public Off./Police Liability	5500.00	
Fire Disability	1900.00	
Police Disability	526.00	
Bonds	787.50	51780.50

Balance closed to Revenue	219.50
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Town Offices

Appropriation	9400.00
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Expenditures

Salary	430.50	
Electricity	3376.86	
Telephone	536.17	
Fuel	2228.46	
Water testing	624.00	
Copier contract	87.50	
Advertising	202.78	
Lawns	527.40	
Repairs & improvements	687.20	
Supplies	509.37	9210.24

Balance closed to Revenue	189.76
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Wells

Balance forward from Fiscal 1991	10000.00
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Expenditures		
Engineer	1800.00	
Plans	580.80	
Hired labor	2412.63	
Water tests	492.50	
Supplies	2573.39	7859.32

Carried forward to Fiscal 1992		2140.68
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Council on Aging

Appropriation		900.00
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Expenditure		
Dues	70.00	
Supplies/programs	830.00	900.00

Balance closed to Revenue		0.00
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Historical Commission

Appropriation		200.00
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Expenditures		
Electricity	120.81	
Lawn mowing	40.50	161.31

Balance closed to Revenue		38.69
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County Retirement

Appropriation		13245.00
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Expenditure		13245.00
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Balance		0.00
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Unemployment

Appropriation	12350.00	
Reimbursement from other towns	931.36	13281.36

Expenditure		
Unemployment benefits		8468.06

Transfer to Elementary School	1700.00
Transfer to Counsel Fees	2500.00
Balance closed to Revenue	613.30

Group Insurance

Appropriation	50000.00
Refund	0.07
Expenditures	
Town's share	44397.09
Transfer to Counsel Fees	4500.00
Balance closed to Revenue	1102.98

Mandatory Medicare

Appropriation	4500.00
Expenditures	3197.59
Balance closed to Revenue	1302.41

Land Damage

Appropriation	10.00	
Carried forward from Fiscal 1991	4200.00	4210.00
Expenditures		
Legal fees	885.00	
Survey	363.00	1248.00
Balance carried forward to Fiscal 1992		2962.00
Balance closed to Revenue		0.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation	2500.00
Transfer to Snow Removal	1160.00

Road Mach. Bldgs.	25.00	
Highway Administration	275.00	1460.00
Balance closed to Revenue		1040.00

NON APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

Tax Refunds

Property Tax	9460.51	
Farm Excise	25.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	618.11	10103.62

Payroll Deductions

Health Insurance	19637.73	
Life Insurance	100.80	
State & Federal Taxes	71933.31	
Medicare Tax	3197.59	
Retirement	49926.04	144795.47

School Revolving Funds & Grants

School Lunch	16676.91	
Meals Tax	41.00	
School Improvement Council	106.92	
Integration Tech CII-901	230.58	
Chapter I	7692.21	
Pre-School Revolving Fund	21721.37	
Tuition Revolving Fund	15472.95	
Kindergarten Revolving Fund	1223.54	63165.48

Special Revenue & Revolving Funds

Highway	
Chapter 15	4577.60
Sidewalk	1821.57
Highway gift	1641.00
Arts Lottery	1747.14
Council on Aging - State	135.15
Council on Aging - Federal	814.87
Fish & Game Fees	1905.75
Dog Licenses to Hampshire Cty.	580.75
Care & Kill	60.00

Sale of Dog	3.00	
Police Revolving - HRHS	1010.00	
Playground Gift	1277.65	
Cemetery Gift	1694.00	
Cemetery Trust Interest	334.00	
Veterans Interest	120.68	
Tax Collector Fees	3305.00	
Deputy Collector Fees	572.00	
Town Clerk Fees	442.70	22042.86
Loans		
Temporary Loan	225000.00	
Firetruck	18054.00	
School	420660.00	663714.00
State & County Assessments		
Hampshire County Tax	3478.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	229.00	
Air Pollution	257.00	
Energy Grant	373.00	
STRAP Repayment	5000.00	
Pioneer Valley Planning	199.05	9536.05
Court Judgment	50000.00	50000.00
Refund	137.50	137.50
	Total Expenditures	2321479.09
Cash on Hand June 30, 1991		
General	99485.99	
Stabilization	95217.10	
Trust Funds	8226.21	
		202929.30

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Parsons
Accounting Officer

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1992

Cash	99485.99	Agency	
		Health Insurance	60.96
Taxes		Life Insurance	31.86
Levy of 1992		Hamp. County Retirement	1.58
Real Estate	52514.97	Dog Licenses	117.00
Personal Property	385.28		
Chapter 61A	647.74	Grants & Gifts	
Levy of 1991		DARE	37.39
Real Estate	4608.43	Council on Aging Federal	0.39
Personal Property	145.59	Council on Aging - State	479.28
Levy of 1990		Town Hall Gifts	354.68
Personal Property	99.15	Arts Lottery	2497.86
		Arts Lottery-Pass	250.00
Tax Titles	7785.41	School Improvement	15.43
		Chapter 33	94661.50
Farm Animal Excise	204.75	Ins. Reimbursement	8204.00
		State Aid to Library	1870.22
Forest Products	150.87	County Dog Refund	233.17
Motor Vehicle Excise		Revolving Funds	
Levy of 1992	2647.72	Tax Collector Fees	395.00
1991	1093.96	Deputy Collector Fees	63.00
1990	1266.68	Pre-School	5083.18
1989	770.85	Kindergarten	8188.66
1988	660.32	School Lunch	239.35
1987	52.81	Sale of Dog	5.00
Due from Comm Mass - Ch. 15	4577.60	Interest on Trusts	
- Ch. 1	303.88	Street & Wright	124.53
		Thayer	904.54
State Aid to Highways-Ch 33	94661.50	Cemetery	545.32
Loans Authorized	100962.00	Conservation Commission	1057.70
Dog Care & Kill	60.00	Revenues Reserved Until Collected	
		Motor Vehicle Excise	6492.34
Court Judgment	50000.00	Forest Products	150.87
		Farm Excise	204.75
Due from Stabilization Fund	2140.68	Tax Title	7785.41

Overlay Reserved for Abatement
1992

3502.25

Loans Authorized &

Unissued

100962.00

Premium on Sale of Bonds

1591.79

Overlays Reserved for Abatement

1990

99.15

1991

4979.49

Appropriation Balances

Elementary School

5567.88

New School

44558.20

Police Department

1077.75

Board of Health Exp.

1500.00

Wells

2140.68

Surplus Revenue

126196.52

428728.43

428728.43

BALANCE SHEET - TRUST, INVESTMENT AND DEBT

Trust & Investment Funds

Cash

103443.31

Street & Wright Fund

2400.54

Thayer Fund

1015.01

Cemetery

3737.45

Stabilization

95217.10

Veterans

1073.21

103443.31

103443.31

Debt Accounts

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

Inside Debt Limit

3405000.00

Serial Loans

School

3405000.00

3405000.00

3405000.00

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992

BIRTHS

February 4, 1992	Jamison Joseph Wickman, son to Joan (Lafontaine) Wickman and Bruce Wickman
April 6, 1992	Kayla Rose Diggins, daughter to Charleen (Gorman) Diggins and Michael Diggins
April 9, 1992	Este Alicia Fuller, daughter to Caroline Gallagher and Alan Fuller
April 20, 1992	Stacy Mikala Gillett, daughter to Patricia (McCaulley) Gillett and Gary Gillett
May 29, 1992	Seth Joel Wright, son to Donna (Messier) Wright and Joel Wright
May 28, 1992	Megan Rose Scott. daughter to Pamela (Ashlaw) Scott and Kenneth Scott
July 14, 1992	Samantha Jo Brown, daughter to Donna (Gregson) Brown and David Brown
July 29, 1992	Lucas Myron Prickett, son to Barbara (Ryder) Prickett and James Prickett

August 1, 1992	Andrew Michael Dunn, son to Lori (Elliott) Dunn and Michael Dunn
October 1, 1992	Eric Deane Williams, son to Erin (Joyce) Williams and Glenn Williams
November 9, 1992	Emma Jane Camilleri, daughter to Susan (Cole) Camilleri and Thomas Camilleri
November 11, 1992	Austin Charles Hathaway, son to Lori(Mason)-Hathaway and Thomas Hathaway
November 30, 1992	Gavin Hawk Nazzaro, son to Christin (Lamorte) Nazzaro and Robert Nazzaro
December 6, 1992	Ryan John Thornhill, son to Dolores (Strzegowski) Thornhill and Mark Thornhill
December 28, 1992	Jacob Izzy Slack, son to Lucy Garbus and David Slack

MARRIAGES

June 20, 1992	Charles Philip Norris and Lisa Marie Watson of Westhampton
June 27, 1992	Melody R. St. Germain of Westhampton and John Pajak of West Springfield
December 5, 1992	Jeffrey Alan Thayer and Kimberly Shaun Carey of Easthampton

December 19, 1992	Carl M. Van Buskirk and Sandra Eagleton of Westhampton
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DEATHS

		AGE
February 11, 1992	Mary Bass	88
September 5, 1992	Marion Canavan	79
September 5, 1992	Jospeh Duclos	83
December 9, 1992	George C. Tucker	77

DOG LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

58 Male	@ 3.00	174.00
10 Female	6.00	60.00
75 Sp. Females	3.00	225.00
6 Kennel	10.00	60.00
1 Kennel	25.00	25.00
3 Kennel	50.00	150.00
1 transfer	.25	<u>.25</u>
TOTAL		694.25

153 Fees Paid to Town Clerk @ .75 ea.	114.75
1 Fee paid to Town Clerk \$.25	<u>.25</u>
	115.00

FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSES

23 Resident Fishing	12.50	287.50
1 Resident Fishing 65-69	6.25	6.25
1 Resident Paraplegic Fishing	FREE	FREE
1 Non-Resident Fishing	17.50	17.50
10 Resident Hunting	12.50	125.00
1 Resident Hunting 65-69	6.25	6.25
1 Resident Paraplegic Hunting	FREE	FREE
3 Non-Res. Big Game Hunting	48.50	145.50
38 Res. Citizen Sporting	19.50	741.00
2 Res. Sporting Age 65-69	9.75	19.50

10 Res. Sporting Over 70	FREE	FREE
1 Duplicate Sporting	2.00	2.00
15 Archery/Prim. Firearms	5.10	76.50
1 Waterfowl Stamps	5.00	5.00
75 Wildlands Cons. Stamps Res.	5.00	375.00
4 Wildlands Cons St. non-res	5.00	20.00
		1827.00
79 Town Clerk Fees @ .50		39.50
15 Town Clerk Fees @ .25		1.50
1 Town Clerk Fees @ .10		<u>.25</u>
		41.25
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife		1785.75
Total Fees		<u>41.25</u>
		1827.00

FEES

ZBA Hearings	86.00
Parking Fines	30.00
Miscellaneous	1.50
Town Clerk Fees	<u>192.00</u>

Paid to Treasurer \$309.50

Westhampton's population January 1, 1992 -- 1402

Number of Registered Voters:

Democrats	131
Republicans	111
Independents	667

Total	909
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Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Clark
Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them to be correct.

Evelyn D. Blakesley, Auditor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

They year 1992 was certainly a busy one for the Board of Assessors, with two years of tax bills being committed in a nine month period. The FY92 bills, as you will recall, were the first ones done using the CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal), our in-house valuation system. Due to that, there were numerous abatement requests and the board issued 218 abatements: 79 motor vehicle and 139 property. In addition to that, the board visited over 60 properties under the protection of Chapters 61, 61A and 61B.

In April the resignation of Andrew Klyman was regretfully received and Priscilla Miller was appointed by the Selectmen to fill his unexpired term.

In October, the board hired Marjorie Dunphy of Williamsburg to do data entry, on an hourly basis. All real estate, including Chapter land and most personal property has now been entered into our computer.

After more than 7 years of dedicated service, Luanne Clark resigned as the assessors' secretary. We certainly appreciate her commitment and service to the board and she will surely be missed. Ann Braastad has been hired to take her place.

The town value for FY93 is: real estate - \$86,004,800; personal property - \$1,913,773; and exempt property - \$20,374,061. The FY93 tax rate was set in November at \$14. per \$1000. of valuation.

Personnel cutbacks at the Department of Revenue and increased regulations from the state continue to make it difficult for our board to comply with all state mandates. If it were not for the cooperation of other town officials and the people in Westhampton in general, our job would be all but impossible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Nevins, Jr, Chairman
Paul Babcock
Priscilla Miller

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board conducted the following hearing in 1992:

Case # 89 - Petition of Robert and Pauline Vachon, Pine Island Lake, for a Variance allowing the removal of an existing 50' trailer and the construction of a 24' by 40' cottage utilizing the existing well and septic system. Petition granted.

In addition, on August 25, 1992, the Board held a reorganizational meeting as the result of the Town elections and subsequent Board appointments by the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

John Shaw, Chairman
Marilyn Cervelli, Clerk
Nancy Bouthilette
Peter Montague
Philip Dowling
Dan Bishop (Associate)
Peter Ignatovich (Associate)
Steve Malinowski (Associate)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

As of January 1, 1992 the Finance Committee was made up of:

Charles W. Inman	1993
Owen Bowman, Chairman	1993
Laurie Norris	1993
Charles F. Inman	1993
Janice Tracy	1994
Peter Ignatovich	1994
Margaret Parsons	1994
Robert Fleischner, Secretary	1994
Bradford Morse	1995
H. Davis Goddard	1995

At annual election in April of 1992, Mr. Goddard did not choose to run again and the vacancy was not filled by ballot. The Board of Selectmen subsequently appointed Ben Coggins. Robert Fleischner resigned and was replaced by Roy Van Dreische. Charles W. Inman resigned and was replaced by Laura Blakesley. Charles F. Inman resigned and was replaced by Lydia Omasta.

The following Reserve Fund transfers were made in Fiscal 1992:

Snow Removal	1160.00
Road Machinery Buildings	25.00
Highway Administration	275.00
Total	1460.00

The Finance Committee worked throughout the year, particularly in the late Winter and early Spring, to present to the Town a reasonable budget which reflected both the Town's difficult financial situation, caused in part by reductions in State aid, especially education funds, and the needs of the various departments which serve the people of

Westhampton. The budget for Fiscal 1993 which was presented to Town Meeting in April 1992, and in large part approved, required an override of approximately \$62000. The voters chose not to approve this at the subsequent election, requiring a Special Town Meeting to balance the budget. This was accomplished due to unexpected reductions in some budget items and a substantial transfer of \$21000 from the Stabilization Fund. Unfortunately, tight budgeting resulted in a Free Cash deficit as of July 1, 1992. The fiscal 1993 budget funding included a \$89000 transfer from Free Cash. With a Free Cash deficit, this funding source will not be available this year, so the outlook for Fiscal 1994 is not bright.

Janice Tracy, Chairman
Bradford Morse, Secretary
Owen Bowman
Peter Ignatovich
Margaret Parsons
Laurie Norris
Ben Coggins
Roy Van Driesche
Laura Blakesley
Lydia Omasta

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The annual Farm Animal Census has been completed as required by the State Bureau of Animal Health and Dairying.

The results are as follows:

Cows	263
Heifers	102
Calves	74
Bulls	4
Steers	3
Beef Cows	4
Beef Heifers	1
Beef Calves	2
Beef Steers	1
Horses	80
Ponies	7
Donkeys	2
Sheep	28
Goats	8
Oxen	4
Poultry	83
Geese	32
Ducks	72
Swine	5
Pheasant	2

All animals are healthy and well cared for. Animals imported from out of state have been inspected as required.

All pet owners are reminded that cats are now required to have a rabies vaccination as dogs have been in years past. All livestock owners are strongly encouraged to vaccinate their stock for rabies, especially those animals kept outside where contact with wildlife is possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard I. Tracy
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Westhampton Board of Health continues to meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

This year the Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mary Powers who had acted as Chairperson of the Board and contributed generously of her time and her spirit as a member of the Board of Health. The Board also welcomes Barbara Fuller as a newly elected member.

This was a busy year for the Board with the landfill taking top priority. Landfill stickers were reduced to \$25 each and \$1 per bag fees were initiated. The old metal pile was cleaned up by Roscoe Hurd and Arnold Holt and the metal debris from that pile was picked up for free by Sullivan Steel. A free container for metal debris is now at the landfill. The Board would like to thank Arnold Holt and Roscoe Hurd for their hard work and reliability at the landfill. Without their efforts, the landfill would be a dump!

The landfill was opened up this year for more materials than in the recent past. Demolition debris, bulky goods, and appliances were accepted for a nominal fee. A "Paint Swap" was held at the landfill and organized by Phil Dowling and the HRMC. In May, the huge pile of tires that had accumulated over the years at the landfill was cleaned up completely. Approximately 1600 tires were removed.

On July 1, 1992 the Board submitted the Westhampton Solid Waste Landfill Existing Facility Permit Application to the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Solid Waste Management. Our application presented a schedule for closure of the Westhampton landfill prior to

January 1, 1994 in accordance with the Solid Waste Regulation 210 CMR 19.030 (4) (a). The DEP determined our application to be technically complete and in compliance with the guidance issued by the DEP's Division of Solid Waste Management dated March 23, 1992.

The Board conducted the following inspections and licenses were issued:

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| - Outlook Farm | Retail Food |
| - Windy Acres Campground | Campground |
| - Westhampton General Store | Dairy Freezer |

- Also - Issued four haulers permits
- Performed eighteen percolation tests
 - Approved four perc test extensions
 - Approved five septic repairs
 - Issued six Septic Installers Permits.
 - Approved eleven septic designs for new systems.
 - Sponsored Septic Tank Clean-out by Joe Misterka
 - A rabies clinic was held: 59 vaccinations were performed.
 - Notice given of one dog bite.
 - Participated in a Health Fair given by Tom Cleary of the Boy Scout Troop, at the new Elementary School.
 - Worked closely with the DEP, the Westhampton Conservation Commission, and the Town Engineer, towards the clean-up of an illegal dumpsite on Burt Road.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Sackrey
Barbara Fuller

REPORT OF THE HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington make up the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative. The HRMC was formed in February 1989 by intermunicipal agreement and through its charter is directed to create a comprehensive waste management strategy and implement that strategy on behalf of the eleven member Communities.

The HRMC, up until this year, has been entirely funded by Member communities during what have been very difficult fiscal times. The HRMC, after its first year and a half of operation, cut its budget by 15% and has been level funded (\$46,828.20 per year from the eleven member Towns combined) ever since. The HRMC is trying to do more with less and being the recipient of the MMA's Innovation in Government Award is proof of this, however, we are subject to the same fiscal vulnerabilities as the Towns and this year will be difficult from a financial perspective. The Towns have continued their financial support of the HRMC in a level funded fashion because they realize the critical needs, both environmental and fiscal that the HRMC helps them meet. This year the HRMC will remain level funded on a per capita basis, but will seek an overall dollar increase in its budget of \$5905.80 due to the increase in the populations (1737 people) of the eleven member communities based on the 1990 census numbers.

During the past year the HRMC, through its coordinator and volunteers, has been involved in the following areas:

1) Monitoring of the MRF recycling program. Each month the eleven member Towns send over 100 tons of recyclable (bottles, cans , paper and cardboard) to the MRF in Springfield saving the Towns over \$6000 per month combined or \$72,600 per year. There will be changes in how the MRF operates over the next two years as the Towns free tipping contracts with the MRF end on January 1, 1995. The HRMC Coordinator plans on being actively involved in the process of evaluating and determining a long term management strategy for the MRF.

2) Continued monitoring of the member Towns use of the Northampton regional landfill. The Towns having been sending their trash to Northampton since July 1989, monitoring and insuring a positive relationship with the City of Northampton is beneficial to all eleven member communities.

3) Since July 1990, the HRMC has been operating its own plastic recycling program. This involves hauling the #1 and #2 plastic jugs and containers to a central site in Williamsburg where they are sorted and baled in preparation for market. This program has been very successful and we look forward to continuing and improving this program.

4) The HRMC's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) education and collection program is now an annual ongoing program. Because of the high cost of holding a HHW collection day (\$1.25/household) the HRMC has developed an innovative program which will serve to educate the public as to what is Household Hazardous Waste and what are less or non-toxic alternatives. A wide scale collection is impossible at this time because of limited funds.

5) The HRMC also plans to continue its role as Community facilitator in the areas of stress

relief for local Boards concerning waste management issues, keeping the lines of communication clear and open concerning the State regulatory bodies (DEP), and the bidding of trash hauling services.

6) Education and public outreach to all residents and businesses in the eleven member communities. This task involves the HRMC Coordinator going directly to the schools, community groups, transfer stations, Town meetings, businesses, etc. to talk about waste disposal, recycling and environmental issues. This task is the lynch pin in all of our waste disposal cost control and recycling efforts. The more residents know and understand about waste disposal and recycling the more likely they are to recycle and dispose of their waste properly.

7) Applied for and received a Farmers Home Administration (FMHA) recycling grant in cooperation with three other Western Massachusetts regional waste management organizations and the Center For Rural Massachusetts at the University of Massachusetts/. The HRMC's share of this \$160,000 grant is \$15,000. This grant has afforded the HRMC and other regional organizations a great opportunity to work together in a truly regional fashion and will help us work on solving an important problem for both the communities and businesses. The HRMC has reapplied for this grant for October 1993 as well.

The HRMC envisions the next year as a time to improve on what it is already trying to accomplish. In tight fiscal times such as these, cooperation and education can go a long way. Cooperation between the eleven HRMC member communities in a venture such as this has only helped to improve the waste disposal and recycling situation and help create some market stability for the long term. The Towns should be applauded and commended for their efforts and I look forward to serving the

eleven member communities over the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss, Coordinator

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY CARETAKER

I would like to begin this report by thanking John Shaw and everyone that helped John on his "Eagle Project." They repaired and painted the fence across the front of the cemetery in time for the Memorial Day service.

This year began with the usual spring cleanup. The bulk of my time after that was spent on mowing or trimming. Work has begun on installing a grass border on the north end of the cemetery where the old wooden fence was. It will hopefully be completed during this upcoming year.

With the discontinuation of town water, the cemetery commission voted to install a water tank near where the old faucet was. I have been filling the tank with the fire truck. It would be a big help wherever possible if frequent irrigators brought water from home. If you can't, feel free to use the water in the tank, but please keep in mind that it is unfit for human consumption.

This year there were:	5 burials
	1 cremation
	7 new lots
	1 new foundations

Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Fisher
Cemetery Caretaker

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Calendar year 1992 has been a busy and challenging one for the Council on Aging. In January we accepted with regret the resignation of Edward Lawton as chairman, and as a member of the council. His position on the council was filled in October by Louise Marchand. Officers elected in February were Margaret Kelley, Chairman, Lydia Omasta, Secretary, and Olga Hathaway, Treasurer.

New by-laws were drafted, and unanimously adopted in June.

In March it was voted to join the newly formed "Hilltown Elder Network.": This program, funded by a grant from Highland Valley Elder Services, provides free help with light housework, yardwork and other chores for town elders. Workers are recruited from Westhampton, if possible, and, to date, ten elders are receiving assistance.

In July, we entered into a contract with the Franklin Regional Transit Authority to find transportation for those senior citizens unable to drive to medical appointments or to do grocery shopping. If a wheelchair van is needed, this can be arranged.

The annual flu clinic was held in October with 88 immunizations given. For the first time in several years, a free hearing clinic conducted by David Fradken, audiologist, was held on the same day, and was well received by approximately 10 elders.

We continue to hold monthly luncheons at the Westhampton Congregational Church, followed by a variety of entertaining and informative programs, including information on learning in retirement, and warnings of health care fraud. A nurse is

available to take blood pressures, and birthday cards are signed for all town elders celebrating a birthday that month.

Westhampton seniors took part in two intergenerational events this year. We continued our tradition of inviting the fourth grade class to our May luncheon, which is followed by entertainment put on by the youngsters. This is a very enjoyable event and we are grateful for Mrs. Piper's interest and enthusiasm which makes it possible.

In December, 25 seniors attended the third annual Holiday concert and luncheon given by the Hampshire Regional High School chorus and band, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Saloio.

Three issues of the COA newsletter were mailed to every senior citizen of Westhampton, including the summer residents at Pine Island Lake. These contain news of COA activities and important material of interest to older people, such as health care proxies, and homestead protection for the elderly and disabled. In addition, the Belltower carries COA news each month to all town residents.

Two successful fund raising events were held in 1992. With the proceeds, we were able to provide a free band concert on the town green in July, following the annual church chicken barbecue. We were also able to fund a most successful foliage bus tour in October, enjoyed by 40 seniors.

We wish to thank the community and the many volunteers who have shared their ideas, time and energy to make our programs possible. We hope to continue to improve our ability to identify the needs of elder residents of Westhampton, and to meet these needs whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Kelley, Chairman
Lydia Omasta
Olga Hathaway
Louise Marchand
Eleanor Miller
Edward Montague
Mervyn Morse

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

With only a few building projects undertaken in town during last year, the Conservation Commission reviewed only a small number of applications. The Board reviewed three Requests for Determination and issued one Negative Determination and one Order of Conditions. It reviewed one Notice of Intent, for which it collected \$137.50 in filing fees. It conducted ten site visits. At annual elections in May, the board regretfully accepted the resignation from the board of Chairman Thomas Jenkins. Robert La Palme was elected to serve as chairman, Phoebe Mitchell as secretary and Amy Phinney as treasurer. New member Larry Cervelli joined the board in September.

In order to facilitate the filing process for applicants, the board initiated a case management system whereby one member of the Commission is assigned to each case. The case manager serves as a liaison between the applicant and the Commission and helps the applicant with questions which may arise during the filing process.

The Board is also in the process of creating a form which will be included with the building permit applications form which must be completed

and filed with the proper town departments before building projects can be started. The form will provide prospective home builders with information about the Wetlands Protection Act, the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and the responsibilities of the property owners.

In an effort to better inform the public of the Commission's role in enforcing the Wetland's Protection Act, the board will continue to publish information in the Belltower.

The board urges any one with questions about wetlands or the Wetland Protection Act to contact a member of the board or attend a meeting. The board meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert La Palme, Chairman
Phoebe Mitchell, Secretary
Amy Phinney, Treasurer
Roy Van Driesche
Larry Cervelli

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 1992 the Police Department continued to provide the residents of Westhampton with professional and expedient service. As proven in recent past years, the presence of cruiser patrols has shown a decrease in property crimes and accidents. The Department continued its relationship with the Hampshire County Drug Task Force. Funding for investigations, equipment and additional officers can be utilized with this organization. Although the town's emergency

departments are anticipating utilizing a central dispatch center with a 911 number, the Police are still currently dispatched through the Southampton 24 hour dispatch center. This service has been exceptional. All calls are handled professionally and expediently as well as providing the officers access to computers, use of jail cells and calling backup, ambulance or tow truck, etc. The town's second DARE program ran this year at the Elementary School and proved to be a big success. Funding has been acquired again for the up-coming year. The Police Department also continues to instruct bicycle, school bus, and pedestrian safety programs in the school. The Officers all attended mandatory refresher training. The department was represented at monthly meetings of various police association.

Gun permit applications are taken on the 2nd Wednesday of each month between 6:00pm and 7:00pm at the Police office.

I wish to thank the Police Officers for their unselfish dedication to the town and to the Department. We will continue to serve the town to the best of our ability, and can do so with the continued support of the townspeople.

The following is a resume of calls for 1992:

Accidents	16
Fire/Ambulance assists	9
Arrests	12
Assistance	10
Housebreaks	13
Larceny	33
Burglar Alarms	32
Stolen Car/Plate	3
Animals Calls	21
Domestic	26
Drug Related	6
HRHS	5

Vandalism	15
Missing Persons	4
Harassing Phone Calls	8
Vacation House Checks	5
Suspicious Cars/Persons	33
Trespass	7
Other Complaint	38
Summons Served	39
Warrants	2
Assault/battery	2
Rape	0
Attempted suicide	3

Monies turned into Treasurer:

Court Fines	\$3563.48
Permits	644.00
Insurance Reports	52.00

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Huntley
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

1992 has been an active year for your Fire Department with 40 Fire Calls and also 40 calls for the E.M.T.s.

We had several structure fires which could have become very serious except for the quick work of the homeowners and the Fire Department personnel.

We have purchased a second portable tank to aid in water shuttle situations and have maintained our equipment in good condition.

During all of 1992 we have been involved, along with the Police Department and the Selectboard, in discussions regarding the implementation of the Emergency 911 telephone system. Much progress is being made and by the end of 1993 we should be about ready to start using the system.

We have accepted, with regret, the resignations of Frank Montague, Ted Brooks, Phil Norris, Jr., James Chapman and Bud Geary. The retirement of Frank Montague is very significant, and the end of an era, as Frank is the last active member of the original Fire Department which was started in 1949. The annual town report of 1987 was dedicated to Frank, which indicates how significant his contributions to the whole town have been. Frank has been voted to the status of honorary member. Elected to fill the vacancies were John Shaw, Mike Derouin and Wayne Manley.

The Emergency Medical Service had a busy year and also gained three new members. Daniel Webster Jr. became an E.M.T. and completed certification for defibrillation. Ned and Breda Huntley became certified E.M.T.s and completed certification for defibrillation and also C.P.R. instructors. The E.M.T.s have conducted two new C.P.R. certification courses and seven C.P.R. recertification course, certifying a total of 79 people in C.P.R. Congratulations go to all people who are maintaining their C.P.R., and we encourage everyone to enroll in one of these courses.

Lee Douchkoff and Bob Miller completed recertification as E.M.T.s as well as defibrillation. This requires 28 hours of continuing education plus a twenty hour refresher course every two years. Also, four quarterly evaluations for defibrillation are required each year.

We want to recognize and "THANK" all who have made financial donations to either the Fire Department or the E.M.S. They are greatly appreciated.

1992 Statistics

Burning Permits	380
Truck Runs	
Structure fires	4
Chimney fires	8
Brush, grass or rubbish	10
Vehicle fire or accident	5
In-service investigation	9
First Responder or rescue	1
Mutual Aid	1
Other	2
Total	40

E.M.T./ Ambulance calls 40

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Tracy
Fire Chief

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Our Highway Department saw a personnel change this year as Bud Geary and his family moved to Pennsylvania. After a careful review of 24 applicants, the Selectmen hired C. James Omasta from West Farms to fill the position. We welcome Jim to our crew and hope for a long and productive relationship.

Generally speaking, the condition of the roads and of the equipment is going downhill. I believe that is to be expected given the reduction in funding we have sustained over the last several years. That means each year maintenance costs get higher and higher and preventive and new work become a much smaller percentage of our dollar usage. Ultimately, of course, that will mean we spend all our time and money maintaining old roads and old equipment.

We have stretched our resources well over the last four years but we are just about on the brink of serious problems and should not let thing go any further downhill. Each of the last two years have shown substantial increases in the number of potholes, and I expect the spring of 1993 to bring more patching than we've had for many years.

Money being returned from the State for financing road and bridge work is looking a little brighter. All of our efforts to educate legislators has started to pay off. Chapter 90 money from the gas tax was reinstated for this fiscal year, and we did have Chapter 33 Transportation Bond Issue money, which was used at the Perry Hill Road/Kings Highway intersection. The second half of the Chapter 33 Bond money will be available for the summer of 1993 and we anticipate we will get back to the Stage Road reconstruction and do another section up to the High School. However, as of this writing, the Governor has not included the Chapter 90 money in the FY1994 budget proposal, so I guess we'll have to go and fight for that money through the Legislature again.

We did get one sander rebuilt at Smith's School this year which is good. Also, we have put considerable money into rehabilitating our John Deere road grader which obviously we cannot afford to replace. However, in order to prevent the specter of multiple breakdowns with everything needing to be replaced at the same time, it is imperative that we maintain some semblance of a replacement program. I

will once again ask the Town meeting to replace the 1973 backhoe. I am very aware of the tight budget, but, in the best interests of the Town, we must use whatever innovative financing we can find to replace this worn out machine. Also, our 1973 Fox sander should be replaced and I will discuss this as well.

Many road maintenance and reconstruction projects are planned and needed, and we will continue to address them as best we can. I would welcome any public or private forum to discuss our road program and keep all citizens aware and involved as it continually changes. Thank you again for your continued support.

Richard W. Tracy
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

There were ten septic systems inspected this year. There were seven new homes and three existing homes with full new systems. There was also one septic tank replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

Stillman G. Brooks
Sanitation Inspector

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my report from July 1, 1992 to December 30, 1992.

For only six months, I think the Town showed some improvement in construction.

Permits issued	35
New homes	6
Decks	4
Wood stoves & chimney	5
Porches	2
Second egress	1
Sheds	2
Barn-horses	4
Dormer	1
Renovations	6
Additions	1
Fire renovation	1
Greenhouse	1
Basement room	1

Fees collected for 6 months \$4,475.80.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron Pietraszkiewicz
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the year of 1992, the Plumbing Inspector's office received applications for seventeen permits. Of the total, six were for new homes, four for additions and remodeling, and seven for gas piping.

A total of seven hundred and sixty five dollars was collected for permit and inspection fees. Of this sum, five hundred and eighty-nine dollars was for plumbing permits and one hundred seventy six dollars for gas piping permits.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian E. Pichette
Plumbing & Gas Piping Inspector

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Westhampton Cultural Council (formerly the Arts Lottery Council) continued to provide funding for a variety of programs and projects relating to the arts.

After several years in which the state-wide arts budget was significantly cut, council funding was increased this year. For fiscal year 1993 Westhampton received an allocation of \$2000. (This amount combines regular funding and what is known as PASS money, which brings the performing arts to schoolchildren.) At its October 1992 meeting the Cultural Council voted to award grants to the following applicants: the Friends of the Westhampton Memorial Library for a summer reading program; the Westhampton Singing Society for winter and spring concerts; Yankee Notions, a concert of New England folk music; and the Westhampton Elementary School for two performances, "The Emperor's Nightingale" at the University of Massachusetts, and "Adding a Little Spice" by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.

To reduce administrative work, the state Cultural Council now allocates grants just once a year, instead of twice. The Westhampton Cultural Council welcomes grant applications for fiscal year 1994. Applications must be submitted by October 15, 1993 to the chairman of the Council.

In addition, we welcome community input into the Cultural Council's decisions. Any town residents interested in becoming members of the council should contact the selectmen.

Margot Cleary, Chair
Joanne Brooks
Carolyn Bruneau
James Chapman
Karla Chapman
Carol Klyman

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

Both the boys and girls of Westhampton joined their counterparts in Southampton for some instructional and organized basketball, softball, teeball and baseball. The Southampton Youth Athletic Association again invited the youth of Westhampton to enjoy the programs they offer.

Some of our children participated in the Easthampton Soccer League under the able guidance of Jai Prickett.

Adult volleyball is continuing to be fun for all who come to the Hampshire Regional High School. The games are usually scheduled for the first Friday of the month during the fall and winter. The Town Hall was available for open basketball, until vandalism forced the closing of the hall.

The Skating Rink at the Elementary School had limited success, but will be iced this year and hopefully be utilized by all.

The Recreation Commission would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped, in any way, the various programs in which our residents have participated.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Thornhill, Chair
Bob Gould, Secretary
Dan Bridgman, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

This is my last report as civil defense director and hazardous waste coordinator. There have been emergency management meetings and programs I have not been able to attend. I will be turning my copies of Westhampton's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the Radiological Instrument Set over to the town.

Stillman Brooks
Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Westhampton Historical Commission has received many new items that are on display at the Blacksmith Shop, including a melodian that once belonged to the church from Mrs. Loud and a slater's handle from High Hope Farm in Worthington.

The Blacksmith Shop Museum was open to the public on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. from June to September with members of the Historical Commission and friends as hosts.

The Historical Commission regretfully accepted the resignation of Rene Blakesley as chairperson of the Commission. Rene has donated many years and hours, along with husband Al, keeping history alive at the museum and as town historian. Irene Montague was voted in as our new Chairperson.

Robert Delisle, blacksmith, demonstrated his craft at the Blacksmith Shop on Memorial Day. There was also a demonstration of corn grinding.

The town charters are now on display in the Delisle Room at the Blacksmith Shop.

A chuckwagon supper was held at the Blacksmith Shop on June 28th to benefit the museum, by the Friends of the Museum. It was a great success with music, carriage rides, and old time crafts. A good time was had by all.

The Commission Members wish to thank the community for its support and encouragement, as we continue to improve our museum and continue to preserve the history of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Jurkowski
Daniel Krug
Irene Montague
James Bridgman
Tom Warren

REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

It was again a busy year at the Westhampton Memorial Library. 13,568 items were borrowed, a 13.3% increase over the previous year. Children's materials continue to account for 56% of the circulation. The adult audiotape circulation has doubled, reflecting an increasing number of those enjoying books on tape. 41 new adult cards were issued.

With the continued financial support from the town, the library has remained qualified for membership in the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System (WMRLS) and town residents have remained eligible for borrowing privileges at other libraries in the Commonwealth. WMRLS has continued to provide bimonthly bookmobile visits (providing us with books, videotapes, and books on tape), toll-free telephone reference service to Springfield City Library, interlibrary loans (218 this year), delivery service, and professional advice. Workshops designed to help us improve our library services are also provided. The director completed two course in library administration and collection development that are required for our library's continued certification.

The Children's Department this year saw the completion of the color-coding system. We believe that those using this part of the library are now finding it easier to locate appropriate items. A donation from the Easthampton Rotary Club has again been used to update the children's nonfiction collection and money from the Herbert F. and Marion M. Mascho Memorial Book Fund For Children allowed us to purchase attractive new copies of many children's standard titles. Alice T. Tourville memorial funds provided a new biography series.

Preschool Story Hour continued on a weekday morning, providing an opportunity for the very young to become familiar with the library and be read to by another adult. It is hoped that these young folks will continue to have a favorable relationship with libraries and books as they grow.

Wednesday afternoons in July and August were busy as an average of 40 children attended the Summer Reading Program each week. 78 children enrolled, 46 completed the requirements, and over 712 books were read. WMRLS provided bookmarks, posters, reading logs, program ideas, and films. Volunteers helped with the program by reading aloud and assisting at the culminating "Summer Games" in the town parking lot. Friends of the Library once again provided assorted supplies.

We continue to offer the Westhampton Elementary School our services by filling a bookcase in that library, filling requests from teachers for books and videotapes and providing access to interlibrary loan. Students of all ages visit us to do homework, reports and projects. This year third and fourth graders and their parents found us with resources necessary for their local history projects.

The trustees accepted with regret the resignation of Diane Kwolek as Children's Librarian. Under her direction the Children's Department enjoyed six years of growth and we wish her well in her new endeavor. Betsy Koziol was hired to replace her in November and we are confident that Westhampton's children will be well served.

Under the able direction of Adam Jasionkowski, the library exterior received a fresh coat of paint this summer from the Boy Scouts and their fathers. It was needed, looks great, and we are appreciative. Bill Tremblay, of Westhampton and Innovative Business Systems, updated our computer. Thank you.

We thank our friends for volunteering their time and resources - you are all invaluable. We hope to see even more new patrons in 1993 and will continue to welcome suggestions and comments from all.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Keating, Director

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992

TOWN ACCOUNT

Income July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

Town Appropriation	10607.30
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Dog Refund	<u>306.70</u>
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Voted-Town Appropriation	10914.00
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LIG	1250.00
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MEG	653.09
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Additional Aid to Libraries	<u>143.27</u>
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2098.52

Total Library Budget	12960.36
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Expenditures July 1, 1991- June 30 ,1992

Books	2899.62
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Magazines	359.21
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Supplies	246.53
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Director	5940.63
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Children's Librarian	1510.00
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Sub Librarian	157.25
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Fuel	367.83
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Telephone	181.81
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Electric	664.85
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Maintenance	562.40
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Dues/Meetings	64.23
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Misc.	<u>6.00</u>
Total Expenditures	12960.36
No balance on June 30, 1992	

Westhampton Memorial Library 1991-1992

Trustee's Account

Balance June 30, 1991	
Easthampton Savings 01-21-5326	7804.46
Easthampton Savings Term Certificate	10355.28
Florence NOW Account	588.24
Florence Savings - special acct.	630.57
Worm Accounts-Certificate	5197.43
Money Market	<u>4177.33</u>
Balance July 1, 1991	28753.31

Income - per cash book July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

Copy Machine	50.00
Video Account	196.50
Books - lost	
Scully	60.00
Mitchell	15.00
Merrington	17.00
Harrison	11.38
Marchand	5.00
Books - Gifts	
Kiwanis	150.00
Alice Tourville Mem.	345.00
Easthampton Rotary	300.00
Dr. R.Caldwell	35.00
Lyn Keating	81.09
Magazines - Greenbergs	25.00
Combustion Engineering	208.00
Friends of the Library	307.00
Henriette P. Miller	8250.00
Women's Fellowship-copies	<u>20.00</u>
Income	10075.97

Interest Income

H. P. Miller account	145.20
Florence NOW Account	55.18
Florence Special Account	30.19
Easthampton Term Cert.	523.51

Easthampton Money Market	315.35
Worm-Money Market Acct.	141.58
Worm - cert.	<u>252.58</u>
Interest	1463.79

Total Income-Balance forward	28753.31
Income	10075.97
Interest	<u>1463.79</u>
	40293.07

Expenditures

Magazines	31.91
Books	1148.97
Supplies	153.87
Misc. Gifts	205.00
Computer	-
Equipment	-
Maintenance	494.68
Summer Program	200.00
Meetings/Dues	168.30
Video Account	188.56
Misc.	2914.00
Color Coding	843.00
Repairs	410.34
Telephone	39.85
Electric	<u>97.77</u>
Total Expenditures	6896.25

Balance June 30, 1992	33396.82
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Cash Book Balance June 30, 1992

Easthampton Savings Cert.	10878.79
Easthampton Sav. Money Mkt.	6119.81
Florence Savings NOW	487.14
Florence Savings Special acct.	660.76
Worm - Money Market	6855.12
H. P. Miller Account	8395.20
Balance	33396.82

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Special Memorial - Adah Green etc.

Balance in Florence account	388.62
Interest July 1 thru June 30	<u>18.60</u>
Balance June 30, 1991	407.22

The estate of Henriette P. Miller left a bequest to the Library. To date, \$8250 has been received.

We are very grateful to the Westhampton Boy Scouts for painting the exterior of the Library. The trustees account paid for the materials needed and for the shutter.

Gifts for books were received from the Easthampton Rotary, Kiwanis Club of Easthampton, Combustion Engineering, Dr. Renwick Caldwell, and memorial gifts (Alice Tourville).

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy M. Miller
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Nineteen ninety-two was a year of change for Westhampton Elementary School and the School Committee has had a busy year. Again, the economic uncertainty of the times put the Committee in the position of having to make some difficult decisions but every decision was made with the best interest of the children in mind.

After six years of service, Carolyn Keating resigned from the Committee and Robert Fleischner was elected. Our elected officers are as follows:

Thomas M. Cleary - Chairman, H.E.C. Rep., H.M.A.C.
Rep., Administrative Advisory Representative
Robert Fleischner - Regional Representative
Michele Nevins - Vice Chairman, Secretary

We prepared a budget of \$484,100. Town Meeting voted to accept the Finance Committee recommendation of \$474,600. Thankfully, School Building Committee money was able to provide things like new books for our library, physical education equipment, audio visual equipment, a much needed outdoor storage shed, computers, additional desks, maps and globes. We were also fortunate to have people like Julie Holt and Katelyn Carvalho who volunteered their time to teach our children music and art. Due to an increase in the number of children applying for vocational education, a vocational budget of \$125,500 was approved.

In February 1992, the Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission held an election and the elementary school staff voted unanimously to form a bargaining unit. The Committee voted to hire James Connors of Sheridan Assoc. to represent the Committee during contract negotiations. At this writing, negotiations are ongoing and a contract has not been finalized.

Effective June 30, 1992, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Grant McGiffin, resigned to take a position as Superintendent of Schools in Falmouth, Maine. His years of dedication and service to the children of this school district will be remembered. William Erickson of Southampton is our new Assistant Superintendent.

In other business, the School Committee hired Lucia Browne and Ellen McKenzie as teacher aides. With some of the \$16,100 educational money approved by the State Legislature in the fall, we were able to hire Paul Kaplan and Joanne Gillett to teach music and art. On the advise of Town Counsel, the Committee approved an additional \$10,000 settlement to Daniel Fisher of Kings Highway for land taken for the construction of the school. In December, the Committee regretfully accepted

the resignations of preschool teacher, Laura Bean, and school nurse, Barbara Midura, whose resignation will be effective mid-January 1993.

It pleases this Committee to report that the school has become very much a community center. In addition to the school and sports related activities that take place, the following groups have utilized the school, many on a regular basis: Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies, Westhampton Singing Society, Pine Island Lake Association, 4-H, Hilltown Arts Group, Regional Debate Team, Senior Citizens groups, P.T.O. and the Westhampton Children's Repertory Theatre.

The School Committee would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Carolyn Keating for her years of service, Julie Holt and Katelyn Carvalho for their time and expertise, all parent and community volunteers who continue to help in the school library and classrooms, Staff members for their commitment and dedication to quality education for our children, and especially Andria Wolf for the hours she spent organizing Fun Day, which was a huge success.

The Westhampton School Committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month, at 7:30, in the planning room at the elementary school. Please join us if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Cleary
Robert Fleischner
Michele Nevins

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

As of this writing, the Educational Reform Bill for Elementary and Secondary Schools has passed the House of Representatives and is scheduled to pass the Senate by the end of February 1993. The progressive reforms embraced by the bill are long overdue, but in time to respond to the need for higher academic skills and training as we become competitive in a global economy.

The new bill will provide higher standards and programmatic innovations for all schools in Massachusetts. A high school diploma will reflect proficiency in a common core of academic skills and the ability to succeed in a competitive job market. System-wide accountability will be stressed so as to insure the effectiveness and ability of educators and students. The most significant part of this bill will guarantee more equitable and consistent funding through a "foundation budget" plan.

This new commitment to public education renews Massachusetts value of children and the educational empowerment will benefit generations to come.

Richard Dragon
Superintendent

WESTHAMPTON
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

GRADE	1990	1991	1992
Pre School	1	8	12
Kindergarten	24	24	21
Grade 1	17	25	23
Grade 2	23	19	26
Grade 3	18	22	17
Grade 4	16	18	22
Grade 5	19	17	20
Grade 6	19	21	15
TOTAL FOR WESTHAMPTON SCHOOLS	137	154	156
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS	17	13+1	12
TOTAL UNDER WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE	154	167+1	168
TOTAL UNDER HR SCHOOL COMM	99	109	105
TOTAL IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	253	276	273

Personnel who left the employ of the District in 1992
include:

NONE

Personnel newly employed during 1992 include:

NONE

WESTHAMPTON FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

Elementary Appropriations	\$457,000.00
89-90 Encumbrances	1,347.64
Transfer 9/30/91 Spec. Town Mtg.	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$463,347.64

Expended Elementary Appropriations	\$453,751.92
Expended 90-91 Encumbrances	1,347.64
91-92 Encumbrances-payroll	<u>5,567.88</u>
	\$460,667.44

Balance Elementary Appropriations	2,680.20
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Chapter I

Open balance	542.33
Receipts	<u>6,846.00</u>
	7,388.33
Expenditures	<u>7,692.21</u>
Balance	-303.88

Preschool	
Receipts	23,411.90
Expenditures	<u>20,602.72</u>
Closing balance	2,809.18

Tuition Revolving	
Receipts	15,839.10
Expenditures	<u>15,839.10</u>
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Vocational Tuition Appropriation	\$ 85,770.00
Expended Tuition	<u>75,822.55</u>
Balance Vocational Tuition	\$ 9,947.45

Vocational Transportation	\$ 7,227.00
Expended Transportation	<u>\$ 7,227.00</u>
Balance Vocational Transportation	-

EXPENDITURES

Administration

Professional Salaries	\$14,210.82
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Clerical Salaries	7,724.56	
Insurance	525.40	
H.E.C.	612.00	
School Committee Expense	<u>4,076.37</u>	\$27,149.15

Special Education

Professional Salaries	\$ 4,520.10	
Clerical Salaries	1,606.02	
Teachers' Salaries	47,560.48	
Aide Salaries	4,417.82	
Classroom Supplies	366.41	
Evaluations	9,083.40	
Tuition	7,989.00	
Transportation	4,278.00	
Other Expense	<u>192.48</u>	\$80,013.71

Instruction

Salaries	\$269,613.53	
Classroom Supplies	5,338.41	
Textbooks	<u>2,202.55</u>	\$277,154.49

Other Expenses

AV Aids	\$ 251.39	
Health Services	2,138.74	
Transportation	31,975.72	
Cafeteria	7,722.09	
Other Expense	<u>722.04</u>	\$42,809.98

Maintenance

Salaries	\$ 8,054.46	
Supplies	1,598.07	
Fuel	4,860.03	
Utilities	9,067.07	
Maintenance	<u>3,044.96</u>	\$ <u>26,624.59</u>

\$453,751.92

91-92 Encumbrances	<u>5,567.88</u>
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Total Elementary Expenditures	\$459,319.80
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HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

During the summer of 1992 the Hampshire Regional building received a new roof. After many years of patching, the original roof had become insufficient, and all five towns voted to support the capital expenditure necessary to protect our investment in the entire building.

Under this new roof, our program continues with some program additions to more fully meet what the administration and School Committee feel are our students' needs:

a) Seventh graders are now offered an exploratory language program. After they decide on French or Spanish, students may take as many as five years of their chosen language.

b) The team-teaching organization of the seventh grade program has been extended to the eighth grade by forming three teams to serve both grades. Operating as a middle school, the seventh and eighth grades respond to the particular developmental needs of early adolescents.

c) After much community input, our health curriculum has been expanded with a health course offered to high school students in grade nine.

d) An Independent Study Program has been instituted to allow motivated students to pursue areas of study not available through the regular program.

We are pleased to be able to report these curricular improvements, and are most grateful to the faculty and administration for their consistent efforts to serve our students. Unfortunately, the positive benefits of these developments are counteracted somewhat by larger class sizes created as the result of staff reductions.

Dealing with the many fiscal restraints of these recessionary times has been increasingly difficult for everyone.

The Hampshire Regional Debate Team hosted the first of what will be an annual debate tournament at HRHS. More than 200 students from the northeast competed, and were graciously provided housing by community residents in the five towns.

The Raider's Digest won three firsts, a second and a third prize in competition with other school newspapers in New England.

In order to smooth out the effect of changing school population on each town's assessment for Regional School operational costs, the towns accepted the School Committee's proposal to amend the Regional Agreement by basing assessments on the average of student enrollment over a five-year period, implementing this procedure a year at a time.

The Committee accepted with deep regret the resignation of Dr. Grant McGiffin, who has moved to the position of Superintendent of Schools in Falmouth, Maine. We have benefitted greatly from his years with us as Assistant Superintendent.

The vacancy has been filled by Dr. William Erickson, whose inclusion on the Administrative Team was greeted with much enthusiasm by all five of the district's school committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Hampshire Regional School Committee

The student enrollment figures for the District recorded as of October 1, 1992 were as follows:

Grade	Chest	Gosh	South	West	Will	Total
7	10	10	64	24	27	135
8	20	7	57	22	16	122
9	12	4	62	14	27	119
10	7	9	41	18	29	104
11	7	5	46	11	9	78
12	10	8	47	16	17	98
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HRHS	66	43	317	105	125	656

The following assessment percentages are listed for several years in order to illustrate the shifting of student population:

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Chest	11.921%	12.221%	12.214%	11.539%	10.802	10.429
Gosh	6.732	7.004	6.260	6.769	6.327	6.442
South	46.985	45.604	45.733	44.615	47.531	47.929
West	15.428	16.393	15.878	15.231	16.821	16.411
Will	18.934	18.778	20.195	21.846	18.519	18.788
	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.00%	100.00%

Personnel who left the employ of the District in 1992 include:

- Geneva Yelle - Teacher
- Laurie Bedard - Psychologist
- Grant McGiffin - Assistant Superintendent

Personnel newly employed during 1992 include:

Claire Betrand - Teacher

Mary Phelan - Health 1/2 time

William G. Erickson, Ed.D. - Assistant Superintendent

Based upon enrollment data recorded as of each October 1st, the five (5) cooperating school systems share the costs of employing a common superintendent of schools and a common central administrative office and staff. The following statistics show how the responsibility for these costs has varied over a three(3) year period:

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Chesterfield/ Goshen K-6	13.4%	13.4	13.4
Southampton K-6	27.1	27.1	26.8
Westhampton K-6	9.3	9.3	9.1
Williamsburg K-6	14.2	14.2	12.8
HRHS 7-12	36.0	36.0	37.9
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

TREASURER'S REPORT
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1992

I
BALANCE SHEET

Assets		Liabilities	
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Cash	\$289679.95	Blue Cross Insurance	\$5840.84
Administrative-payroll	126.08	Med. West Plan	88.16
Southampton Deferral	53432.00	Life Insurance	102.82
Westhampton Deferral	18241.00	Washington Nat'l Ins.	90.88
Williamsburg Deferral	26164.00	Kaiser	417.60
PL94-142	10922.36	West Mass Health	1868.28
		PPO Health	1389.72
		Mutual-Omaha	1081.60
		Surplus Revenue-E&D	90887.67
		Temporary Loan	200000.00
		SSAP Grant 140	638.32
		Proj Impact I 159	102.09
		HPPR Pre School 175	2526.18
		Add'l Entitle 176	4412.10
		Proj Impact III 180	1900.06
		Cafeteria	9453.18
		L & D Texts	1069.85
		Prof Development	230.00
		Athletic Fund	2232.96
		Maintenance Fund	367.00
		Academic Fund	542.95
		Energy Mgt. Fund	15205.52
		Administration-912	4115.24
		Instruction-912	50528.49
		Other Services	3474.88
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	\$398565.39		\$398565.39

II

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

Account	Budgeted 7/1/91- 6/30/92	Expended 7/1/91- 6/30/92	Encumbered Payroll & Bills	Balance 6/30/92
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Administration	133745.00	139594.35	4115.24	(9964.59)
Instruction	2316383.00	2257135.15	50528.49	8719.36
Other School Services	379277.00	356082.53	3474.88	19719.59
Operation of Plant	269552.00	288794.78		(19242.78)
Fixed Charges	504706.00	439159.15		65546.85
New Equipment	12500.00	45492.49		(32992.49)
Prog/other districts	112965.00	117736.08		(4771.08)
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	3729128.00	3643994.53	58118.61	27014.86

III

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1991 197208.86

Receipts

Assessment Revenue

Chesterfield	265912.00
Goshen	155899.00
Southampton	974704.00
Westhampton	332752.00
Williamsburg	477269.00

----- 2206626.00

Interest Earned

25209.36

State & Federal Payments & Private Grants

Ch. 70 School Aid	478676.00
Ch. 71 Regional Aid	672707.00
Ch. 71 Trans. Reimburse't.	225447.00

Ch. 76 Sped Trans. Reimb.	5415.00	
Hampshire Class	23775.00	
PL94-142	44676.00	
Governors Alliance	7488.00	
Project Impact III	1900.00	
Add'l Entitlement	6223.00	
Dare	4000.00	
Pre-school & Parents HPP4	11247.00	
DDE Title II	3115.00	
School Computers	11475.00	
	-----	1496144.19

Cafeteria Revolving Fund		
Lunch Receipts	94430.36	
State Reimbursements	2108.76	
Federal Reimbursements	8422.74	
Meals Tax	226.68	
	-----	105188.54

Other Revolving Fund		
Athletic Fund	18441.14	
Admin. Revolv. Fund	231395.31	
Lost & Damaged Texts	635.00	
Custodial Overtime Fund	405.85	
Academic Fund	542.95	
SSAP	248.00	
Prof Development	230.00	
Debating Team	450.00	
Energy Management Fund	15205.52	
	-----	267553.77

Temporary Loan		400000.00
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Employee Payroll Deductions	
Federal Withholding Tax	315451.12
State Withholding Tax	148215.16
Hampshire County Retirement	35111.53
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	127019.37
Annuities	80717.66
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	65762.58

Kaiser	4500.84	
Community Health	131.76	
Aetna Insurance	957.00	
Credit Union Deposit/Loans	14401.00	
Washington Nat'l Ins.	545.08	
United Way	568.00	
MTA Dues	16568.50	
MMC Tax	8418.71	
Social Security	3665.87	
West. Mass Health Plan	26502.42	
Empl Loans	1505.42	
PPO Health	8678.92	
Health M.E.	264.48	
Mutual-Omaha	5609.67	
	-----	864593.09

Miscellaneous Receipts		
Copies/Records	384.60	
Transcripts	144.00	
Pay Telephone	120.14	
Building Use	175.38	
Refunds	801.12	
Misc. Receipt	84.97	
	-----	1710.21

Total Receipts	5367025.16
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Total Balance & Receipts	5564234.02
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Disbursements

Employee Payroll Deductions

Federal Withholding Tax	315451.12
State Withholding Tax	148215.16
Hampshire County Retirement	35111.53
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	127019.37
Annuities	80717.66
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	61454.00
Kaiser	4242.84
Community Health	208.00

Aetna Insurance	907.01
Credit Union Deposit/Loans	14401.00
Washington Nat'l Ins.	545.08
United Way	568.00
MTA Dues	16568.50
MHC Tax	8418.71
West. Mass Health Plan	25676.66
Empl Loans	3352.20
PPO Health	7939.24
Health N.E.	176.32
Mutual-Omaha	4528.07
	----- 855500.67

Temporary Loan Payment	200000.00
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Payments from Grants

PL94-142	51112.38
Hampshire Class	34625.24
SSAP	148.09
Project Impact I	762.91
Project Impact II	1372.10
School Computers	11763.22
Title II	4797.00
Dare	4000.00
Addt'l Entitlement	1810.90
Gov Alliance Drugs	8196.14

Adolescent Autism	1731.96	
Pre-Schoolers & Parents HPP	22478.82	
DDE Title II	3115.00	
Summer Math	2877.80	
	-----	148791.56

Payments from Revolving Funds

Cafeteria	106867.76	
Lost & Damaged Texts	226.50	
Adm Revolving	221976.85	
Debating/Raiders Digest	700.00	
Home Ec	211.90	
Athletic Fees/Booster Fund	17458.10	
	-----	347441.11

Meals Tax

226.68

Operating Costs

#1000 Administration	139594.35	
#2000 Instruction	2257135.15	
#3000 Other Services	356082.53	
#4000 Maintenance	288794.78	
#5000 Fixed Charges	439159.15	
#7000 Equipment	45492.49	
#9000 Other School Services	117736.08	
#1000 Administration-901	269.99	
#2000 Instruction-901	43387.69	
#3000 Other Services-901	3280.48	
#4000 Maintenance-901	10785.36	
#5000 Fixed Charges-901	20000.00	
#7000 Equipment-901	876.00	
	-----	3722594.05

Total Disbursements

5274554.07

Cash on Hand June 30, 1992

289679.95

Total Disbursement & Cash - June 30, 1992

5564234.02

IV
STATEMENT OF SURPLUS REVENUE

General Fund Surplus

Surplus Revenue-Excess & Deficiency

Opening Balance July 1, 1991	74084.66
Encumbered Funds (not used) Prior Years	5243.70
Transferred from Budget Surplus Per Budget Plan	27014.86
Closing Estimated Receipts-Transportation Shortfall	(15455.55)
Closing Balance June 30, 1992	90887.67

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Budget Plan 1992/93

Beginning Balance	90887.67
Use \$39000 to offset reduction in assessments	(39000.00)
Forecasted E & D Balance	51887.67

James R. Freebourn, Treasurer

PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL 1994		
Description	Actual Fiscal 1993	Proposed Fiscal 1994
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
COUNSEL FEES	3000.00	3000.00
MODERATOR	150.00	150.00
SELECTMEN SALARY	3200.00	3200.00
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	3000.00	3000.00
SELECTMEN SECRETARY	2500.00	2500.00
AUDITOR SALARY	90.00	90.00
ACCTING OFF. SALARY	5000.00	5000.00
ACCTING OFF. EXPENSE	630.00	630.00
ASSESSOR SALARY	3200.00	3200.00
ASSESSOR EXPENSE	7330.00	5905.00
ASSESSOR SECRETARY	905.00	905.00
TREASURER SALARY	5000.00	5000.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	2110.00	2110.00
TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	1650.00	1650.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENS	1400.00	1400.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	1650.00	1650.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	2000.00	1730.00
CLERK, BD REGISTRARS	60.00	60.00
CONSERVATION COMMISS	20.00	1000.00
PLANNING BD EXPENSE	1.00	300.00
HIGHWAYS		
HIWAY ADMINISTRATION	2150.00	1925.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	69500.00	72000.00
HOLIDAY PAY	1729.00	1916.00
VACATION PAY	2170.00	1332.00
BRIDGES & RAILINGS	500.00	1000.00
HIGHWAY MATERIALS	36000.00	60000.00
ROAD MACHINERY	16000.00	16000.00
ROAD MACHINERY FUEL	8000.00	8750.00
SNOW REMOVAL	24000.00	24000.00
ROAD MACHINERY BLDGS	2800.00	2800.00
SANDER (ARTICLE)	0.00	9000.00
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES		
HRHS (ARTICLE)	400000.00	479844.00
SCHOOL SUMMER PAY	3649.00	3649.00
VOCATIONAL(ARTICLE)	102420.00	89903.00
ELEMENTARY SCHL(ART)	474600.00	540004.00
SCHOOL COMM SALARY	480.00	480.00
LIBRARY	11270.00	11404.00
VETERANS		
VETERANS EXPENSE	70.00	100.00
VETERANS AGENT SALAR	550.00	550.00
MEMORIAL DAY	100.00	100.00

CEMETERIES		
CEMETERY SALARY	1600.00	1600.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		
POLICE CHIEF	825.00	1500.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	15000.00	20000.00
CONSTABLE	1.00	1.00
FIRE CHIEF	825.00	825.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	7000.00	8900.00
FIRE VACCINE	1800.00	300.00
INSPECTOR SALARY	3300.00	4700.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	1.00	1.00
DOG OFFICER	1.00	3000.00
DUTCH ELM	1.00	1.00
HEALTH & SANITATION		
HRMC (ARTICLE)	3866.00	4512.00
BD. OF HEALTH SALARY	900.00	900.00
BD. HEALTH EXPENSE	19000.00	23930.00
LANDFILL CAP (ART)	10000.00	0.00
DEBT & INTEREST		
INT SHORT TERM DEBT	2500.00	2500.00
UNCLASSIFIED		
INSURANCE & BONDS	44000.00	44000.00
TOWN OFFICES	6000.00	12860.00
COUNCIL ON AGING	815.00	815.00
RECREATION	0.00	0.00
HISTORICAL	200.00	200.00
COUNTY RETIREMENT	16165.00	20372.00
UNEMPLOYMENT(ART)	5400.00	5200.00
GROUP INSURANCE	46000.00	46000.00
MEDICARE	3000.00	3500.00
LAND DAMAGE	1.00	500.00
RESERVE FUND	2500.00	2500.00
	1389585.00	1575854.00
NON-APPROPRIATION		
SCHOOL LAND	100000.00	0.00
OVERLAY DEFICIT	3502.25	20000.00
SNOW REMOVAL DEFICIT	0.00	18000.00
OVERLAY	17900.09	17900.00
BUDGET WITHIN LEVY LIMIT	1510987.34	1631754.00
DEBT		
SCHOOL DEBT	444115.00	450240.00
BACKHOE(\$50000)	0.00	2000.00 *
TOTAL BUDGET	1955102.34	2083994.00

*first year payment if borrowed over five years

SALARIES

Fiscal 1993

All figures are annual unless otherwise noted.

Elected Officials

Board of Selectmen Chairman	1200
Others	1000
Board of Assessors Chairman	1200
Others	1000
Board of Health Each	300
Town Clerk	1650 plus fees
Clerk, Bd. Registrars	60
Tax Collector	1650 plus fees
Treasurer	5000
Auditor	90
Moderator	150
School Committee Chairman	180
Others	150

Appointed Officials

Accounting Officer	5000
Veterans Agent	550
Selectmen's Secretary	2500
Assessor's Secretary	905
Wiring Inspector	15/inspection
Plumbing Inspector	15/inspection
Sanitation Inspector	15/inspection
Election workers	3.75/hour

Highway Department

Grade 1A	11.03
Grade 3	9.18/hour
Superintendent	28600

Landfill

Caretaker	6.25/hour
Operator	9.93/hour

Library

Director	7.00/hour
Children's Librarian	5.50/hour

Town Hall

Custodian	60.00/month
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Police Chief

Officers-Regular	7.50/hour
Court	12.00/hour

Fire Chief

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Cemetery Caretaker

2000

ARTICLES ON THE WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 3, 1993

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 3: To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41 G.L. which requires that salaries of elected officials be fixed by vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money to meet Westhampton's share of Hampshire Regional School District's assessment for Fiscal 1994, or any lesser sum as may be certified by the District, provided that any such certification shall be made prior to the establishment of the tax rate, and to meet this appropriation, a sum of money be raised by taxation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money to meet Westhampton's assessment for the Hampshire Regional School District 1991/92 teacher salary deferral, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept \$4,680 or any other sum, for the Hampshire Regional School District's Equal Educational Opportunity Grant under the terms of Chapter 177, the Acts of 1985, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the Elementary School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for

Vocational expenses, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges in the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to hold in anticipation of unemployment benefits for Town employees in accordance with Chapter 151A of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$94,662 under the Transportation Bond Issue Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1991, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the purchase of a sander, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for Westhampton's share of expenses of continued participation in the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will consider the proposals for sale or lease of the Westhampton Center School, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town of Westhampton shall create a Solid Waste Evaluation Task Force whose charge it will be to examine the issues of landfill closure and

capping, funding mechanisms and timetables for landfill closure and capping and longterm solid waste disposal options for the Town of Westhampton. The work of this task force will be based upon information provided by the Westhampton Board of Health, the Initial Site Assessment (ISA) and the Comprehensive Site Assessment Plans (CSA) as submitted to DEP, and assistance from the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative. This Task Force will be expected to determine recommendations for the Town of Westhampton with regards to this issue in accordance with DEP regulations, for the 1994 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Westhampton by adding a new article which would allow for non-criminal disposition of violations of by-laws and regulations of the Town which include specific penalties, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will instruct its representatives to the General Court to support an amendment to the FY94 state budget to guarantee that cities and towns receive the full \$47 million growth in lottery revenues, or take any other action in relation hereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will instruct its representatives to the General Court to support legislation filed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association that would establish in state law a Local Roads Fund in order to ensure a fair and predictable share of state gas tax collections for distribution to cities and towns for use on local roads, or take any other action in relation thereto.

NOTE: This is a preliminary list of the articles for Annual Town meeting; it is subject to change and/or additions. The complete warrant will be posted at least seven days before the Annual Meeting, May 3rd.

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.

